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In re Application of:)
McDonough)
Application No. 09/539,132)
Filed: Mar. 20, 2000)
For: Mechanism and Business Method for) **DECISION ON REQUEST FOR**
Implementing a Service Contract Futures) **WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY**
Exchange)

This is a decision on the petition filed Nov. 6, 2000 (Paper No. 5) requesting (1) to change the correspondence address, and (2) to withdraw as attorney.

A request to change the correspondence address may not be signed by an attorney or agent not of record. M.P.E.P. § 405. Here, the attorney signing the petition was of record at the time the petition was filed, so the request is **GRANTED**. Future correspondence will be directed to Rudy J. Buchel at the Dallas address provided in the petition.

A request to withdraw as attorney is effective on the date of the decision on the request and not on the date the request was filed. M.P.E.P. § 402.06. The attorney's request complies with the applicable requirements, so that request is **GRANTED** and is now effective. Note that Messrs. Carstens and Yee are still attorneys of record, because the Office does not recognize law firms and each attorney of record must sign the notice of withdrawal, or the notice of withdrawal must contain a clear indication of one attorney signing on behalf of another. *Id.*

A review of the Office file record indicates that applicant filed an appointment of attorney for Mr. Buchel and a change of address on July 24, 2000. The record shows no previous Office response to those papers. The appointment of attorney would have had no effect, because Mr. Buchel was already named an attorney of record in applicant's declaration. The change of address request is now moot due to the more recent change of address request (Paper No. 5).

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant. Applicant is reminded of the obligation to promptly notify the Patent and Trademark Office (Office) of any change in correspondence address to ensure receipt of all communications from the Office.

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